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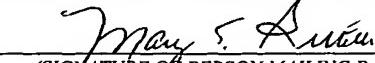
The prior application is assigned of record to **BIO 101**, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on June 21, 1993, at Reel 6579, Frame 0312.

Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required for a filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b):

Pages of Specification	33
Pages of Claims	4
Pages of Abstract	1
Pages of Declaration (from Parent)	2
Sheets of Drawing	5

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This request includes Three (3) sheets and the following:

- Preliminary Amendment (7 pages);
- Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
 Form PTO-892 (filed in parent application) (1 page);
- Check No. 543187 in the amount of \$375.00; and
- Return Receipt Postcard.

Under 35 USC § 121, this application is a **divisional** application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/510,563 filed February 22, 2000, now issued as U.S. patent 6,613,895; which is a continuation application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/591,038 filed January 25, 1996, now issued as U.S. patent 6,027,750; which is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/309,926 filed September 21, 1994, now abandoned; which is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/962,418 filed October 16, 1992, now abandoned; which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/267,530 filed November 4, 1988, now abandoned; which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 06/903,481 filed September 4, 1986, now abandoned. The disclosure of each of the prior applications is considered part of and is incorporated by reference in the disclosure of this application.

Applicants claim **SMALL ENTITY** status in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 CFR. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.

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If this application is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if it appears that a telephone conference would helpfully advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned at (858) 677-1456.

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